

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A network-based system for centrally sampling distributed multimedia content and facilitating the exchange of multimedia content between a plurality of multimedia content vendors and a plurality of multimedia content purchasers, the system comprising:

a plurality of distributed multimedia source computers;

a multimedia warehouse configured to receive and archive multimedia files uploaded from the plurality of distributed multimedia source computers; and

at least one multimedia sampling computer configured to download one or more multimedia files archived in the multimedia warehouse, [[and]] play the downloaded multimedia file(s) in synchronization with a project file, and host purchasing or licensing transactions relating to selected multimedia content.

2. (original) The system of claim 1 wherein the multimedia warehouse comprises a network server computer system in operable communication with at least one database.

3. (original) The system of claim 1 wherein the multimedia files are selected from a group consisting of audio files, video files, combined audio and video files and picture files.

4. (original) The system of claim 1 wherein the project file is selected from a group consisting of audio files, video files, combined audio and video files and picture files.

5. (original) The system of claim 1 wherein the at least one multimedia sampling computer is additionally configured to search the multimedia warehouse for multimedia files that best-match user-defined search criteria.

6. (original) The system of claim 5 wherein the search criteria comprise file type, file format, composition name, company name, composer name, project name, tempo and description.

7. (currently amended) The system of claim 6 wherein ~~tempo is defined by a tap tempo calculator peripheral device operably connected to the~~ a desired tempo for multimedia content may be specified by a user tapping on a peripheral device that is operatively connected to at least one multimedia sampling computer.

8. (original) The system of claim 1 wherein the at least one multimedia sampling computer is additionally configured to edit playback attributes of the downloaded multimedia file(s).

9. (canceled)

10. (original) The system of claim 1 wherein the distributed multimedia source computers, the multimedia warehouse and the multimedia sampling computer(s) are configured to host online communication between users of the multimedia source computers and users of the multimedia sampling computer(s).

11. (original) The system of claim 1 wherein the distributed multimedia source computers, the multimedia warehouse and the multimedia sampling computer(s) are configured to monitor version control for multimedia file revisions.

12. (original) The system of claim 1 wherein the multimedia sampling computer has an e-mail system for inviting selected multimedia source computers to have access to the project file.

13. (original) The system of claim 1 wherein the multimedia warehouse has a local server that queries a web server and retrieves new multimedia files for the multimedia

warehouse, the sampling computer having an application that automatically associates an identified user with the local server, the sampling computer upon recognizing the identified user and determining that the local server is available, selects files from the local server, the sampling computer upon recognizing the identified user and determining that the local server is not available, obtains files from a web server.

14. (currently amended) A network-based method for marketing multimedia, the method comprising:

receiving multimedia files from a plurality of distributed multimedia providers into an online multimedia warehouse;

providing the multimedia files within the online multimedia warehouse to distributed multimedia consumers for download wherein the multimedia consumers sample downloaded multimedia files in synchronization with a project file;

presenting a multimedia consumer's request for a custom multimedia file to a multimedia provider; and

selling or licensing the downloaded multimedia file to the multimedia consumer.

15. (original) The method of claim 14 wherein the multimedia files are selected from a group consisting of audio files, video files, combined audio and video files and picture files.

16. (original) The method of claim 14 wherein the project file is selected from a group consisting of audio files, video files, combined audio and video files and picture files.

17. (original) The method of claim 14 additionally comprising searching the multimedia warehouse for multimedia files that best-match user-defined search criteria.

18. (original) The method of claim 14 additionally comprising editing playback attributes of the downloaded multimedia files.

19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[19]]~~ 14 additionally comprising accepting or rejecting the multimedia consumer's request for the custom multimedia file.

21. (original) The method of claim 14 additionally comprising presenting a multimedia consumer's request for a revision to a multimedia file to a multimedia provider.

22. (currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium containing computer executable code for instructing one or more computers to:

receive input defining multimedia file search criteria;

search one or more databases for multimedia files that best-match the search criteria;

present output containing a selectable listing of the multimedia files that best-match the search criteria to a user; ~~[[and]]~~

receive user input selecting one or more of the presented multimedia files;
~~[[and]]~~

present output playing the selected multimedia file(s) in synchronization with a project file~~[[.]]; and~~

receive user input selecting one or more multimedia files to purchase or license.

23. (canceled)

24. (original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 22 wherein the computer executable code additionally instructs the one or more computers to edit playback attributes of the selected multimedia file(s).

25. (new) The method of claim 14 further comprising tapping a desired tempo on a input device to specify a desired tempo for selection of multimedia content.